

COA Small Group Discussions

Implementation of Accreditation Activities for 2012-13

October 2012

Introduction

At the June 2012 meeting of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the Commission adopted 14 recommendations related to the accreditation activities for 2012-13. These recommendations were, in part, in response to the Commission's challenging fiscal condition for the current budget year, but also to implement additional efficiencies and efforts related to the accreditation system. This agenda item provides opportunity for the COA to meet in small groups to delve into three of these topics to assist in moving these three related recommendations forward.

Staff Recommendation

This is an information item.

Background

In June 2012, the Commission staff presented an agenda item (<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2012-06/2012-06-6B.pdf>) that discussed 14 recommendations related to the accreditation system in 2012-13. These recommendations contained difficult choices brought on, in part, by the limitations of the Commission's existing budget. Chief among these difficult choices was to defer all accreditation visits by one year. Staff also proposed that the Commission and the COA take this year without site visits to focus on particular efforts that had been proposed but not yet explored thoroughly nor implemented, to see if progress might be made in these areas.

The small group discussion with COA at the October 2012 meeting is intended to give the COA an opportunity to provide guidance on how the Commission might go about implementing three of these efforts. These three efforts include the following:

- 1) Ensuring greater consistency in candidate assessment and program effectiveness data, particularly in the biennial reports
- 2) Recovering some of the Commission's costs by charging institutions for some accreditation activities
- 3) Developing and implementing a program completer survey

All three of the above are topics for which there has been general support in the past and were part of the package of recommendations adopted by the Commission in June. These small group discussions are intended to help staff identify potential solutions, challenges, issues, and to consider the best means of implementing these recommendations. A one-page description of topics for discussion unique to each of these three areas will be provided at the meeting to help focus the discussions. One staff member will be assigned to each of the three topics to record the discussion and to assist in the follow through after the meeting.

